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LB 520, 520A, 567, 567A, 1246A, 1246

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Anything for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have received the reference report of interim study resolutions. That will be inserted in the Journal, Mr. President. That's all, and I also have the last notice with respect to the delivery of bills read on Final Reading of the Governor, Mr. President. (See page 1727 of the Legislative Journal regarding LB 520, LB 520A, LB 567, and LB 567A.) That's all that I have.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Thank you. We'll move on to General File, then. LB 1246A.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1246A was a bill introduced by Senator Wesely. (Read title.)

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President and members, this legislation supports the LB 1246 bill, which was a merger of several different pieces of legislation, as you recall, that deal with the Franklin Committee legislation, legislation I had in with Senator Schmit dealing with the Attorney General's Office and prosecution of crimes against children. We did reach a compromise and this is that compromise as part of the package to provide for 405,000 dollars this year, or 1990-91, and 396,000 the next year to do the following things: First, a Crimes Against Children Prosecution Unit in the Attorney General's Office would be established. There'd be three attorneys hired with speciality, expertise in prosecuting crimes against children. There would be a support staff as well and then other operational expenses that would cost around 250 or so thousand dollars. This unit would be available to assist county attorneys where necessary and if, in fact, individuals, including the county attorney, felt that they were not in a position to prosecute a case, the public or the county attorney or others could appeal to this unit and ask them to prosecute the case instead of the county attorney. And so this unit would be very valuable in assisting county attorneys and also, where